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INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP, PFOR, UR

SUBJ: CODEL EILBERG: PROBLEMS IN KIEV

1. ACCORDING TO CONTROL OFFICER WILLEMS IN KIEV, CONGRESSMAN MEZVINSKY HAS THREATENED UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES HE WILL REMAIN IN SOVIET UNION UNTIL HE RECEIVES PERMISSION TO VISIT HIS FATHER'S VILLAGE OF MOSTOVE NEAR KIEV OR RECEIVES SOME REASONABLE REPLY TO HIS REQUEST FROM SOVIETS. MEZVINSKY WAS ANGERED BY LAST-MINUTE NATURE OF REFUSAL MAY 31 (EMBASSY HAD NO PRIOR INDICATION THAT TRIP WOULD BE REFUSED) AND BY LACK OF RESPONSE BY ANY RESPONSIBLE LOCAL OFFICIAL FOR REASON FOR REFUSAL. CODEL IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE KIEV FOR VIENNA AT 1305 LOCAL TIME. WILLEMS THINKS MEZVINSKY MAY IN FACT LEAVE WITH GROUP AND WILL REPORT TO EMBASSY BY PHONE BEFORE DEPARTURE. EMBASSY HAS RAISED PROBLEM WITH FEDOSEYEV OF MFA USA DIVISION. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT AND BE BACK TO US. IF MEZVINSKY DOES NOT LEAVE, WE WILL TRY TO HAVE HIS VISA EXTENDED IN ORDER TO WORK OUT PROBLEM EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW.

2. EMBOFF JUST SPOKE TO FEDOSEYEV WHO HAD CHECKED WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND CALLED KIEV. FEDOSEYEV SAID AREA CONGRESSMAN WISHED TO VISIT WAS IN CLOSED AREA AND THAT HE WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL THERE. IF CONGRESSMAN WISHES TO STAY, HE IS WELCOME AND CAN EXTEND HIS VISA
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THROUGH INTOURIST, BUT TRIP TO MOSTOVE WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

EMBOFF EMPHASIZED TO FEDOSEYEV DESIRABILITY OF HAVING RESPONSIBLE LOCAL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATE REFUSAL OF VISIT TO MEZVINSKY, SINCE MEZVINSKY WAS ANGERED BY FACT HE WAS ONLY GETTING WORD THROUGH INTOURIST. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE WOULD DO SO.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT AGAIN AS SOON AS SITUATION BECOMES CLEAR.
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